

9th January 2026

Welcome back

It's been great to welcome you all back to school this week following the Christmas and New Year break. The children have settled well and are quickly getting back into the swing of school life. It's a much quieter term than the last one but I hope you enjoyed all the school events we put on in the lead up to Christmas. Please see a list of dates and events at the end of this newsletter including celebration services that you can attend.

We said goodbye to Georgia in Y4 at the end last term. Georgia has moved to Iron Acton School.

We wish her all the best as she moves on.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

Mike Riches

Value of the term

This term we will be focusing on the value of courage with the children during collective worship. We will ask the children to think about those around them who show courage as well as how they can develop the value of courage for themselves too.

As a church school, we will explore a number of stories from the Bible in an inclusive way.

Attendance matters

Thank you all for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day. This is the best way to help them to succeed in school. Please be reminded that, for this reason, term time absence requests will only ever be agreed in exceptional circumstances. If you would like to request a term time absence please speak to the Headteacher in the first instance.

Our whole school target for this year is 95%. Our current whole school attendance is **94.9%** - thank you to all for your support with this improvement on last year. Robin class currently stands at **92.7%** and Kingfisher class stands at **96.3%**.

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Play equipment

Our new play equipment should be arriving soon! It's been a bit of a wait but we are confident it will be installed in the near future. Thank you to the PTA (which has now sadly closed for the time being) for funding this piece of work for the school.

Term 3 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Swimming lessons – Kingfishers	13.01.26 20.01.26	
Celebration service	16.01.26, 2.45pm	
LGBT history month begins	01.02.26	
Children’s mental health week	02.02.26	
Safer Internet day	10.02.26	
Celebration service at church	13.02.26, 2.45pm	
Final day of Term 3	13.02.26	
First day of Term 4	23.02.26	

2025-2026 term dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 02 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026

Remaining INSET days

9th March

26th June